Payment of rent by IA

5887. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has been paying huge rent for the premises in the vicinity of Cannaught Palce, New Delhi which is not in use since 1992;

(b) if so, what is the monthly rent of the premises stating the reasons for paying exorbitant rent without using it;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to gainfully utilise the premises; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Indian Airlines has been paying a rent of Rs. 2.66 lakhs per month for the premises. The operation of Indian Airlines Booking Office in Kanchanjunga had to be suspended consequent to a fire incident in June, 1992 after which the fire authorities sealed the building. After a fresh look on the requirement of space in Delhi, Indian Airlines does not propose to renew the lease. Indian Airlines could not take an early decision to vacate the premises as several procedural formalities were needed to be observed.

Arrangement with ITDC hotels r Tourist Promotion by AI and IA

5888. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem which appeared in the 'Telegraph' of April 12, 1994 regarding Air India, Indian Airlines arrangements with ITDC hotels for tourism promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith similar arrangements made by Government sector and private sector airlines to promote Tourism and woo passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Air India offers the following incentives:

(a) First Class and Executive Class passengers flying into India on Air India can avail upto 24 hours free stay at any ITDC hotel of their choice. A special discounted room rate is offered to the passengers if they wish to extend their stay beyond 24 hours.

(b) Passengers flying into India on Air India and transiting Bombay or Delhi to destinations within India or other destinations outside India on Air India are offered up to 24 hours complimentary stay in Centaur Hotel, Bombay or Delhi.

(c) First Class and Executive Class Air India passengers originating their journey Ex-USA, Europe and Japan for the period April-September, 1994 are also offered:—

(1) One free round trip ticket in Economy Class for travel on specified Indian Airlines sectors of interest so tourists.

(2) 30% discount on the Dollar fare for additional travel on the above specified sectors of Indian Airlines in economy and 'J' Class.

(ii) Indian Airlines offers the following incentives:

Indian Airlines passengers are entitled to a 15% discount on the published room tariff at all ITDC

hotels (except Yatri Nivas) in India and at Centaur Hotels in Bombay and Delhi Room costs, Service Charges and Taxes are charged extra at normal rates. The offer is available to Indian Airlines passengers only on presentation of Boarding Cards at the hotels on the date of arrival.

Information on arrangements made by Private Sector Airlines is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Passenger traffic of AI from London

5889. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady drop in passenger traffic of Air India from London; if so, whether Government have ascertained the causes thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the British Airways are custodians of Air India in London;

(c) whether it is also a fact that British Airways are inlcuding the prospective Air India passengers;

(d) what steps Government have taken against the British Airways in this regard; and

(e) what is the approximate loss of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir. As compared to 1991-92 and 1992-93 the passenger traffic of Air India on London-India sector has increased during 1993-94.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Damage to Boeing 747-200 of Air India

5890. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Boeing 747-200 aircraft of Air India suffered heavy damage at the Sahar International Airport on the 18th March, 1994; and

(b) the extent of loss suffered by the aircraft and the reasons for loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A B747-200 aircraft of Air India suffered a minor damage during ground run up when it hit a passenger step ladder and a ground power unit. The damage was limited to the Engine nose cow and non-structural areas like fairing and panels. The aircraft has since been repaired and is in service.

मध्य प्रदेश में पर्यटक स्थलों पर आवास और अन्य सुविधाओं के लिए दी गई धनराशि

5891. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1990-91, 1991-92 और 1993-94 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में चुने हुए पर्यटक स्थलों पर आवास तथा अन्य मार्गस्थ सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने हेतु मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को कितनी सहायता राशि आवंटित की गई ;

(ख) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में 1993-94 और 1994-95 के कौन-कौन से प्रस्ताव केन्द्र सरकार के पास लम्बित हैं और उनका जिलेवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?